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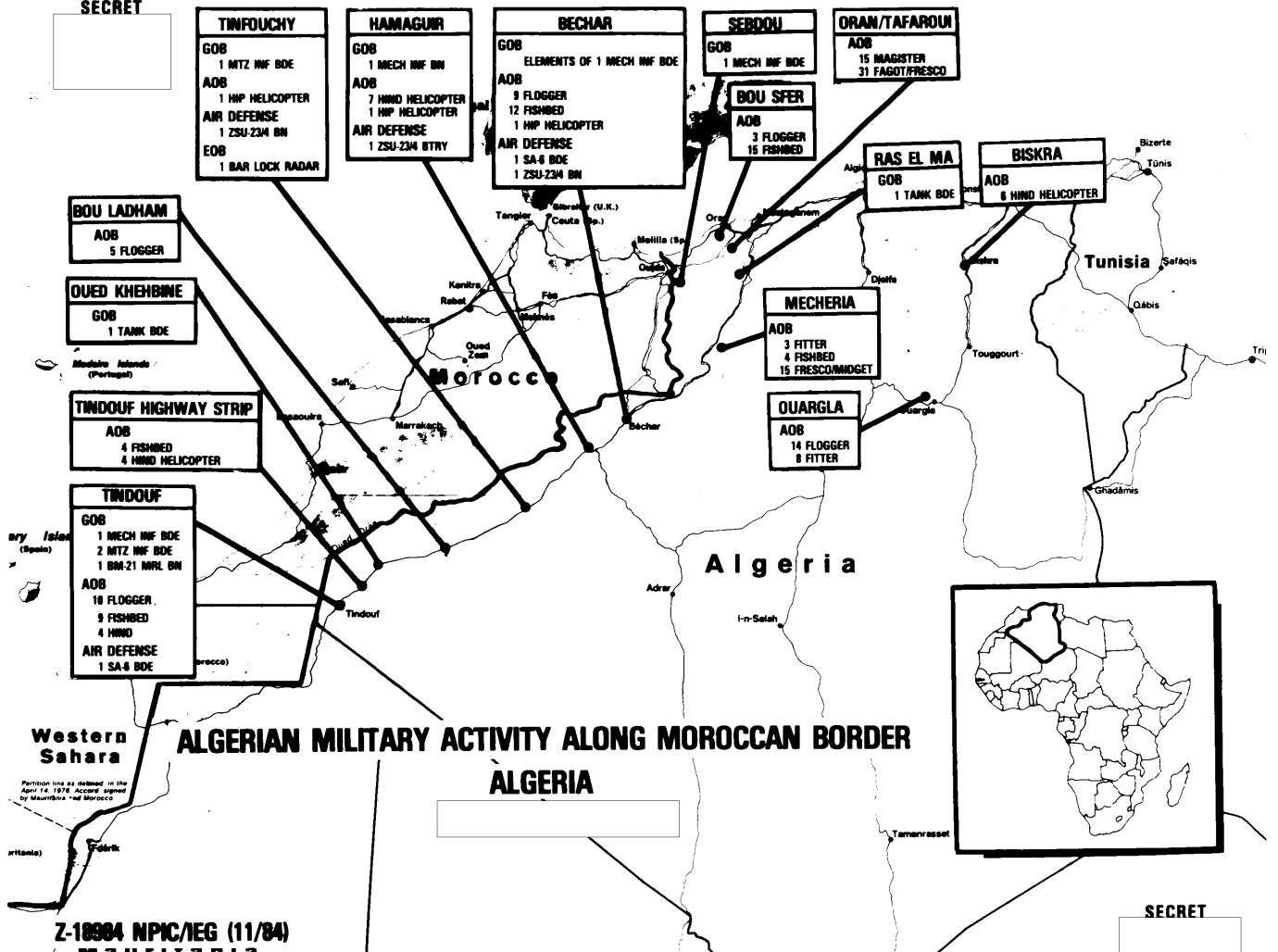
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ALGERIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG MOROCCAN BORDERALGERIA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: DURING THE MID-OCTOBER TO LATE NOVEMBER TIME PERIOD, UNPRECEDENTED MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT NUMEROUS ALGERIAN AIR AND GROUND INSTALLATIONS ALONG THE ALGERIA-MOROCCO BORDER. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: UNUSUAL ACTIVITY INCLUDED THE DISPERSAL OF GROUND FORCE UNITS AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND GROUND ATTACK HELICOPTERS TO AIRFIELDS ALONG THE BORDER. THIS ACTIVITY DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH NORMAL ALGERIAN TRAINING CYCLES AND SUGGESTS THAT A DEFENSIVE ALERT EXISTS AMONG THOSE UNITS ALONG THE BORDER. (SWN)

ONLY SIX HIND GROUND ATTACK HELICOPTERS WERE SEEN AT BISKRA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] NORMALLY, 21 TO 27 HIND ARE DEPLOYED HERE. THE HIND WHICH HAVE ARRIVED AT TINDOUF AIRFIELD [REDACTED] AND TINDOUF HIGHWAY STRIP (BE [REDACTED] PROBABLY DEPLOYED FROM BISKRA. (SWN)

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THIRTEEN TO 16 FLOGGER AND ONLY EIGHT FITTER WERE SEEN AT OUARGLA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] DURING THE LATE OCTOBER TO LATE NOVEMBER TIME PERIOD. NORMALLY, 21 FLOGGER AND 11 FITTER ARE SEEN HERE. THE MISSING FITTER REDEPLOYED TO MECHERIA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] WHERE AS MANY AS THREE FITTER HAVE BEEN PRESENT SINCE [REDACTED] (SWN)

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THE TANK BRIGADE (BDE) GARRISONED AT RAS EL MA HQ A BARRACKS [REDACTED] HAD DEPARTED BY [REDACTED]. THE BRIGADE HAD RETURNED BY [REDACTED] BUT WAS DISPERSED AROUND THE NORTH SIDE OF THE INSTALLATION. ALSO BY [REDACTED] ELEMENTS OF A THIRD TANK BATTALION (BN) HAD JOINED THE TWO TANK BATTALIONS NORMALLY GARRISONED HERE. (SWN)

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BETWEEN [REDACTED], THE NUMBER OF FAGOT/FRESCO
OBSERVED AT ORAN/TAFAROU AIRFIELD [REDACTED] INCREASED
FROM 16 to 31, AND THE NUMBER OF MAGISTER INCREASED FROM FIVE
TO 15. NORMALLY, 24 FAGOT/FRESCO AND 10 MAGISTER ARE PRESENT
HERE. (SWN)

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THE NUMBER OF FLOGGER AT BOU SFER AIRFIELD [REDACTED] HAS
BEEN LOW SINCE [REDACTED] WHEN ONLY THREE WERE PRESENT.
NORMALLY, BETWEEN 13 TO 15 FLOGGER ARE DEPLOYED HERE. THE
MISSING FLOGGER PROBABLY ORIGINALLY DEPLOYED TO THE ALGIERS
AREA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1 NOVEMBER MILITARY PARADE. THEY
MAY HAVE SINCE DEPLOYED TO OTHER AIRFIELDS ALONG THE
ALGERIA-MOROCCO BORDER. THE NUMBER OF FISHBED HERE HAS BEEN
NORMAL, WITH BETWEEN 12 TO 15 PRESENT. (SWN)

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ELEMENTS OF THE MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION GARRISONED AT SEBDOU
MIL CAMP 1 [REDACTED] HAD DEPARTED BY [REDACTED] OF THE
110 CARGO TRUCKS SEEN HERE ON [REDACTED] ONLY 46 WERE
PRESENT. THIS MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION IS SUBORDINATE TO THE
MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE (MECH INF) IN THE SEBDOU AREA.
(SWN)

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TWO FITTER AND THREE FISHBED HAD ARRIVED AT MECHERIA AIRFIELD
BY [REDACTED] THREE FITTER AND FOUR FISHBED WERE HERE ON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FISHBED AND FITTER ARE NOT NORMALLY PRESENT AT THIS
AIRFIELD. THE NUMBER OF FRESCO/MIDGET HERE WAS NORMAL AND
RANGED BETWEEN 15 TO 19. (SWN)

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EIGHT FLOGGER HAD ARRIVED AT BECHAR AIRFIELD [REDACTED] BY
[REDACTED], AND A NINTH FLOGGER HAD ARRIVED BY [REDACTED]
FLOGGER HAD NOT BEEN SEEN HERE SINCE JULY. THE NUMBER OF
FISHBED FLUCTUATED DURING THIS PERIOD, FALLING FROM A HIGH OF
15 ON [REDACTED] TO A LOW OF SEVEN ON [REDACTED] TWELVE
FISHBED WERE HERE ON [REDACTED] THE BMP BATTALION GARRISONED
AT MOURHEL BARRACKS AREA [REDACTED], THE 122 MM
SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER BATTALION 2S1 GARRISONED AT BECHAR
LEGAR MILITARY FACILITY NE [REDACTED], AND THE TANK
BATTALION AND ENGINEERING BATTALION GARRISONED AT BECHAR-LEGAR
BATTALION HQ SOUTH ([REDACTED] (ALL SUBORDINATE TO THE
MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE GARRISONED IN THE BECHAR AREA) HAD
DISPERSED IN APPARENT DEFENSIVE CONFIGURATIONS BY EARLY
NOVEMBER. THREE OF THE FOUR ZSU-23/4 SELF-PROPELLED
ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (SPAA) BATTERIES (BTRY) DEPLOYED AROUND

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BECHAR AIRFIELD HAD LEFT THEIR FIXED SITES BY [REDACTED] AND 25X1
 WERE FIELD DEPLOYED IN RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED VEHICLE
 REVETMENTS. THE SA-6 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) BRIGADE
 DEPLOYED IN THE BECHAR AREA WAS NOT OBSERVED DURING THIS
 PERIOD. (SWN)

EIGHT HIND WERE OBSERVED AT HAMAGUIR AIRFIELD [REDACTED] 25X1
 ON [REDACTED] SEVEN HIND AND ONE HIP WERE PRESENT ON [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH HELICOPTERS ARE NOT NORMALLY HERE FOUR HIND 25X1
 WERE ORIGINALLY SEEN HERE ON [REDACTED] AND THREE HIND HAD 25X1
 BEEN PRESENT SINCE [REDACTED] THE BMP-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED 25X1
 INFANTRY BATTALION AT HAMAGUIR BARRACKS A BATTALION HQS (BE
 [REDACTED], 3 NM NORTHEAST OF THE AIRFIELD, REMAINED IN 25X1
 GARRISON DURING THIS PERIOD. ONE ZSU-23/4 SELF-PROPELLED
 ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTERY HAD ARRIVED BY [REDACTED] (SWN) 25X1

ONE HIP WAS AT TINFOUCHY AIRFIELD ([REDACTED]) 25X1
 [REDACTED] AND AGAIN ON [REDACTED] HIP HELICOPTERS ARE 25X1
 OCCASIONALLY SEEN HERE. ALSO, A BAR LOCK RADAR HAD BEEN
 DEPLOYED ATOP A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RADAR MOUND AT NEARBY
 TINFOUCHY AW RADAR FACILITY [REDACTED], LOCATED NEAR THE 25X1
 AIRFIELD, BY [REDACTED] SUPPORT UNITS OF THE TINFOUCHY 25X1
 MOTORIZED INFANTRY (MTZ INF) BRIGADE INCLUDING ELEMENTS OF ONE
 ZSU-23/4 SELF-PROPELLED ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION HAD
 LEFT THEIR GARRISON AREAS AT THE TINFOUCHY AIRFIELD BY [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] AND HAD PROBABLY JOINED THE BTR-60 - EQUIPPED 25X1
 MOTORIZED INFANTRY BATTALION AT TINFOUCHY MIL DEPLOYMENT AREA 2
 [REDACTED], 18 NM TO THE NORTHEAST. (SWN) 25X1

FIVE FLOGGER, TWO C-130 TRANSPORT, AND ONE HIP HAD ARRIVED AT
 BOU LADHAM AIRFIELD [REDACTED] THE C-130 25X1
 AND THE HIP HAD DEPARTED BY [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH ALL FIVE 25X1
 FLOGGER REMAINED. THIS WAS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF FLOGGER
 AT THIS AIRFIELD. (SWN)

SOME MINOR DISPERSAL OF EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE T-72 -
 EQUIPPED TANK BRIGADE DEPLOYED AT OUED KHEHBINE TROOP
 DEPLOYMENT 1 ([REDACTED]) WAS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] (SWN) 25X1

FOUR FISHBED AND FOUR HIND HAD ARRIVED AT TINDOUF HIGHWAY STRIP
 BY [REDACTED] AND AGAIN ON [REDACTED] AIRCRAFT ARE NOT 25X1
 NORMALLY SEEN HERE. (SWN)

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TEN FLOGGER, NINE FISHBED, AND FOUR HIND WERE AT TINDOUF AIRFIELD ON [REDACTED] FLOGGER HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AT THIS AIRFIELD, WHILE HIND HAVE OCCASIONALLY BEEN SEEN HERE. TWELVE TO 13 FISHBED ARE NORMALLY PRESENT. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE BMP-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE AND THE TWO MOTORIZED INFANTRY BRIGADES, ONE BM-21 MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER BATTALION, AND THE SA-6 SAM BRIGADE WERE IN THEIR NORMAL DEPLOYMENT AREAS, ALTHOUGH SOME SUPPORT UNITS HAD DEPARTED THEIR DEPLOYMENT AREAS AND WERE DISPERSED AMONG NEARBY VEHICLE REVETMENTS. (SWN)

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3. BE NONE, COORDINATES NONE

4. [REDACTED] (U) 25X1

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